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On the road again with Shakespeare in the Parks

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks opened its 2015 season June 17 in its hometown, with performances of “The Taming of the Shrew” and “Cyrano de Bergerac” at Montana State University in Bozeman. The troupe takes the two productions on the road to more than 60 towns in five states this summer.

Artistic Director Kevin Asselin set Shakespeare’s comedy “Shrew” in the Wyoming Territory of the 1880s.

Chicago-based guest director Si Osborne directs the tale of the valiant musketeer Cyrano, whose rapier wit is only exceeded by the size of his nose.

MSIP brings 77 performances to 62 communities in 2015, making it the largest tour in MSIP history.

The company’s 10 actors offer high-caliber theatre to audiences in towns large, small, and in-between, with an emphasis on underserved rural areas. Performances are free.

Visit [www.shakespeareintheparks.org](http://www.shakespeareintheparks.org) for details.

ARTS CALENDAR, JULY/AUGUST

Greenough

August 7  
“Penny Postcards and Prairie Flowers” - 6:30-7:30 p.m., Lubrecht State Experimental Forest, 406-243-6022

Hamilton

July 3, August 7  
First Friday - 6-8 p.m., Downtown Hamilton, 406-360-9124  
July 4, 11, 18, 25, August 1  
Science Saturdays - 10 a.m., Ravalli County Museum and Historical Society, 406-363-3338

July 17  
Broadway and Bubbly - 7:15 p.m., Hamilton Playhouse, 406-375-9050

July 18  
Broadway and Bubbly Encore - 7 p.m., Sapphire Lutheran Homes, 406-375-9050

July 24-25  
Daly Days - 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Main Street Hamilton, Hamilton Downtown Association, 406-360-9124

July 24-26  
Hardtimes Bluegrass Festival - 163 Forest Hill Road, 406-821-3777

July 25  
Belinda Gail Concert and Chuckwagon Dinner - 5:30 p.m., Daly Mansion, 406-363-6004

August 8  
Riverfest in the ‘Root - 2-7:30 p.m., Kiwanis River Park, Bitter Root Water Forum, 406-375-2272

August 13  
“Charles M. Russell: Cowboy Storyteller” - 6 p.m., Ravalli County Museum and Historical Society, 406-363-3338

August 14-16, 21-23, 28-30  
“The Odd Couple” - Hamilton Playhouse, 406-375-9050

August 15-16  
Bitterroot Scottish-Irish Festival - Daly Mansion, 406-274-8886

August 17  
“The Taming of the Shrew” - 6 p.m., Sapphire Lutheran Homes, 406-994-3901

Hardin

August 14  
“Cyrano de Bergerac” - 6 p.m., South Park, 406-994-3901

Havre

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19  
Signing: Images of America: Havre - 6-8 p.m., Havre Elks Lodge, 406-265-6233  
Sounds on The Square - 6-8 p.m., Town Square, 406-265-4383

July 30-August 1, August 6-8  
“Dracula” - 8 p.m., MSUN/MAT Theatre, Montana Actors’ Theatre, 406-945-0272

August 2  
Friendship Day - 4-6 p.m., High Line Heritage House Museum, 406-265-6233

Helena

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Resident Artist Lecture Series - 7:30 p.m., Archie Bray Foundation, 406-443-3502  
July 2, 9, 16, 23, August 6, 13, 20, 27  
Out to Lunch - 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Great Northern Town Center, 406-457-5541

July 9-12, 15-19, 22-26  
“Twelfth Night” - 7:30 p.m., Great Northern Amphitheatre, Montana Shakespeare Company, 406-459-4385

July 10-12, 15-19, 22-25  
“Oklahoma!” - Grandstreet Theatre, 406-442-4270

July 13, 27, August 3, 10, 17  
Mondays at the Myrna - 8 p.m., Myrna Loy Center, 406-443-0287



Martina McBride performs at the Last Chance Stampede in Helena July 22 and at the MontanaFair Aug. 9 in Billings.

July 18  
Chalk-Up Helena! - 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Downtown Helena Walking Mall, Helena Public Art Committee, 406-422-4053  
Symphony Under the Stars: Centennial Sinatra - 8:30 p.m., Carroll College, 406-442-1860

July 19  
Helena Secret Garden Tour - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Original Governor’s Mansion, Original Governor’s Mansion Restoration Society, 406-439-7966

July 22  
Martina McBride - Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds, 406-457-8516

July 25  
Benefit Live Auction and “Red Carpet” Brickyard Bash - 6 p.m., Archie Bray Foundation, 406-443-3502

July 30-August 2, August 5-9, 12-16  
“The Three Musketeers” - 7:30 p.m., Great Northern Amphitheatre, Montana Shakespeare Company, 406-459-4385

August 6-9, 11-15  
“Pippin” - Grandstreet Theatre, 406-442-4270

August 10  
“Cyrano de Bergerac” - 6 p.m., Pioneer Park, 406-994-3901

August 11  
“The Taming of the Shrew” - 6 p.m., Pioneer Park, 406-994-3901

August 22  
Artist Talk: Sandy Simon and Robert Brady - 7:30 p.m., Archie Bray Foundation, 406-443-3502

August 2  
Jazz in the Woods with the Wilbur Rehmann Quintet - 5-7 p.m., Moose Creek Cabin, Helena National Forest, Discovery Foundation, 406-495-3711

August 10  
Montana Skies - 8 p.m., Myrna Loy Center, 406-443-0287

Hot Springs

July 24-25  
Symes Hot Springs Blues Festival - Symes Hotel, 406-741-2361

Kalispell

July 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, August 4-5, 11, 18, 25  
Picnic in the Park Concert Series - Depot Park, 406-758-7717

July 3-5  
Whitefish Arts Festival - Depot Park, 406-862-5875

July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25  
Farmers Market Music - 5-7:30 p.m., Depot Park, 406-862-3501

July 10-12  
Artists and Craftsmen of the Flathead Summer Outdoor Show - Flathead County Courthouse West Lawn, 406-881-4288

July 11-12  
Glacier Symphony Summer Pops Concert - 7:30 p.m., Rebecca Farm, 406-407-7000

July 17-19  
Arts in the Park - Depot Park, Hockaday Museum of Art, 406-755-5268

August 7-9  
Huckleberry Days Art Festival - Depot Park, 406-862-3501

August 26  
“The Taming of the Shrew” - 6 p.m., Flathead Valley Community College, 406-994-3901

Lakeside

July 29  
Adventures Near and Far Fundraiser Auction - 6:30 p.m., Spruce Lodge at Flathead Lake (Glacier Camp), 406-844-3917

July 3, August 22  
Blues Cruise I and II - 7-9 p.m., Far West Excursions dock, 406-471-9926 or 857-3119

Lame Deer

July 2-5  
Northern Cheyenne 4th of July Powwow - Kenneth Beartusk Memorial Powwow Grounds, 406-477-6284

Laurel

July 3-4  
Fourth of July Celebration - Thomas Park, 406-628-8105

July 13  
“Cyrano de Bergerac” - 6:30 p.m., Laurel Practice Football Field, 406-994-3901

July 17, 31, August 14, 28  
Rock the Block - 6-10 p.m., in Town Square, 406-628-8105

Lewistown

July 24  
Diamond Rio and Restless Heart - 8 p.m., Fergus County Fairgrounds, 406-535-8841

August 13-16  
Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering and Western Music Rendezvous - Yogo Inn and Fergus Center for the Performing Arts, 406-535-8721

Libby

August 7-8  
Riverfront Blues Festival - Riverfront Park, 406-293-5900

August 24  
“Cyrano de Bergerac” - 6 p.m., Elementary Amphitheatre, 406-994-3901

August 26  
“Singing the Western Legacy” - noon-1 p.m., Lincoln County Public Library, 406-243-6022



Montana Shakespeare in the Parks performs “Taming of the Shrew” (above) and “Cyrano de Bergerac” in communities across Montana through Sept. 8. (Photo by Winslow Studio and Gallery)

Lincoln

July 19  
Old-Time Fiddlers’ Jam - 2-6 p.m., Wilderness Bar, 406-467-2866

August 8-9  
Art in the Park - Hooper Park, 406-367-7000

August 8  
Lincolnstock IV - 4-10 p.m., Hooper Park, 406-362-7000

August 28-30  
Drum Brothers End-of-Summer Rhythm Gathering - Cane Ridge West Center, 406-282-3022

Livingston

July 2-4  
Depot Festival of the Arts - 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Depot Rotary Park, 406-222-2300

July 3-5, 10-12  
“Monty Python’s Spamalat” - Shane Center for the Arts, 406-222-1420

July 7  
Reading: Richard Manning - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-333-2330

July 9-11, 16-17, 23-25, 30-31, August 1, 8, 13-15, 22  
Music Ranch Montana Concerts - 7:30 p.m., Music Ranch Montana, 406-222-2255

July 16  
Roundhouse Roundup - 5:30-8:30 p.m., Livingston Depot Center, 406-222-2300

July 17-19, 24-26, 31-August 2, August 7-9  
“Biloxi Blues” - Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, 406-222-1420

July 17-18  
Summerfest Along the Yellowstone - Miles Park, 406-222-8155

July 21  
Reading: David Gessner - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-333-2330

July 23  
Book Signing: Pat Miller - 5:30 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-333-2330

July 24, August 28  
Art Walk - 5:30-8 p.m., Downtown Livingston, 406-222-0850

August 4-14  
Montana Regional Dance Intensive - Yellowstone Ballet School, 406-222-0430

August 11  
Reading: Keith McCafferty - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-333-2330

August 13  
Livingston Hoot - 4 p.m., Downtown Livingston, 406-599-1075

August 28  
Book Signing: Jon Axline - 5:30 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-333-2330

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July 11  
Five Valley Accordions Picnic Dance - 1-10 p.m.,